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ARTICLE FROM ASAHI SHIMBUN, 11 August 1940

"Last Blow to Chungking
Expansion of coastal blockade enforced.
Navy notifies Third Powers."

Special telegram from Shanghai, August 10: Since the proclamation on the 15th of last month, our Navy has enforced a complete blockade and isolation of the Chekiang-Kanching route which is dependent upon the three ports of Ningpo, Wen-Chow and Fu-Chow and which was the last lifeline for the supply of resistance goods to the Chungking Regime.

A great blow has been dealt the weakening Chiang Regime by successfully continuing the blockade and by firm operations against all vessels of Third Powers which pass through the blockade line of our warships and Chinese ships flying the colors of Third Powers. In view of the good results, the navy, furthermore, determined to strengthen /the blockade/ and Shimada Shigetaro, Commander-in-Chief of the China Area Fleet, notified the Diplomatic Corps and other organs of third powers of this through Consul-General MIURA of Shanghai.

The contents of the proclamation are as follows:

Due to strategic necessity, I hereby proclaim that the below mentioned areas shall be added to the proclamation, issued on 15th of July 1940, concerning the prohibition of entering the waters in and around HANGCHOW Bay, SHINGSHAN-PU, the port of Wen-Chow, the port of FIU-CHOW, SANTUAO and LOYUAN-BAY, and that this proclamation for the additional areas shall be effective from 0000 hours, 15 August 1940.

HINGHWA BAY, PINGHOI BAY, WEICHOW-PU, SI-PU, CHUANCHOW BAY, SHENHU BAY and the rest of waters within the line connecting CARL /T. N.: phonetic/ ISLAND, HAUKOUN /T. N.: phonetic/, PINGHOI, PYRAMID POINT and SHENHUCHLAO.

The picture shows Commander-in-Chief SHIMADA.

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY

I hereby certify that the article "Last Blow to Chungking. Expansion of Coastal Blockade enforced. Navy notifies Third Powers" appeared on the front page of the evening edition of the Tokyo Asahi Shimbun dated 11 August 1940. Furthermore, I certify that this publication is a small size edition which is the same as the original newspaper.

June 6, 1947

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Chief of the Investigation Department
of the head office in Tokyo of the
Asahi Shimbun.

I, hereby certify that I obtained the attached document from
SAKAMOTO, Izumi, Chief of the Investigation Department
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昭和十五年八月十一日よりの抜粋

重慶に最後の止め

沿岸封鎖の擴大斷行

海軍、常三國に通告す

〔上海特電十日發〕わが海軍は重慶政権に對する最後の輸血路として帆戦物資を補給しつゝあつた寧波、溫州、福州三港を中心とする浙贛川上を六月十五日の宣言發表以来全面的封鎖及び遮断を決行、わが艦船の封鎖線を潜る常三國船舶及び第三國旗を掲げた支那船舶の一切に對し断乎たる作戦行動を以てする封鎖を續け、多大の戰果を收め、既存の許政権に甚大の打撃を與へてゐるが、わが海軍としてはその成果は鎧錆が更に強化することとなり、支那方面艦隊司令長官崎田繁太郎中將は三浦上海總領事を通じ第三国外交團及び各機關に通告した、宣言内容次の通り

本職は作戦上の必要に基き、昭和十五年七月十五日附杭州湾、象山浦、溫州港、福州港及び三都澳、羅源湾方面海面入港禁止に関する本職の宣言にたゞ記述区域を追加すべく、並に本追加區域に関する効力を昭和十五年八月十五日午前零時以後発生すべしことを宣言す。カヒ島、ハイコーン、平海、ビラミド島等、深海角を順次に連結せる線をもつて包含興化湾、平海湾、湄州浦、西浦、泉州港、深海灣、他の海面

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「重慶に最後の止め沿岸封鎖の擴大斷行、海軍、第三國に通告す」なる記事は昭和十五年八月十一日附東京朝日新聞夕刊第一面に掲載せられたることを證明す、尚本音物は原新聞をそのまま縮少印刷したものであることを證明す

昭和二十二年六月六日

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